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Small Town Shopping

By Heather Sensabaugh

I've always enjoyed shopping in small towns. It feels better to spend money locally, and you're more likely to find unique gifts. It's a win-win situation, and Cortland has some

great little stores! There are several in town that I frequent and I'm thankful they're here. Here are just a few.

First, my all-time favorite store is the Galleria of Arts & Antiques. Here, retail therapy can be found in its finest form! With so many interesting, beautiful and affordable items to see, it is hard to leave without a smile. I'm fascinated by the variety of items in there, and how they change to go along with the seasons. The staff is always friendly and they often have good music playing. It checks all the boxes for me!

My next favorite store is the Clothing Consignment Shop. They sell stylish and nearly new clothes and shoes, as well as handmade jewelry and cards there. They have sales weekly on certain color tags and you can find brand name clothing for a fraction of retail prices. You can also sell clothing, shoes and accessories you no longer want through them, which is a nice way

to make a little money while helping those with disabilities!

I'm a big fan of Handyman Hardware. When we have a house catastrophe it is our first stop. Usually, what we need is there, at a reasonable price. The staff never treats me like I don't know what I'm doing (which I don't), but I can pretend I do there and they are always friendly and ready to show me where things are.

Finally, a newer store that I'm fond of is Totally Dog. When it opened, I thought that the prices would be too high for things that our high maintenance dog needs, but I found that isn't the case! Their prices are comparable to the big pet stores, and they have a large selection of wholesome treats. Last time I was there, an employee's dog was "working" as a greeter at the door. After she greeted 2 customers, she helped herself to a treat off the shelf as payment (her Mom rolled her eyes and paid for it).

This holiday season, shop at some of the smaller stores before going elsewhere – you never know what you might find, or who you might help, and your money stays local! Happy Shopping!

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Read the minutes from
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www.cityofcortland.org under City
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Our Next Issue ... December 17, 2022

Our theme will be *Merry Christmas*

Article Deadline by Dec. 5 • Display Advertising Deadline is Dec. 7

Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

The mission of the Cortland News is to focus on the positive aspects and events of our community. Our goal is to inspire pride and bring the residents of our community closer to one another by providing accurate, timely and useful information. We hold ourselves to high standards of journalism and strive to be a source of trust for our readers.

Based on the policy of the Cortland News to print positive news about our community, we reserve the right to reject contributed material considered inappropriate. We reserve the right to edit information accepted for publication for accuracy, style, length, spelling, grammar, and clarity.

The Cortland News wishes to present a fair and accurate news report. If you have a concern about anything published, please call our office at 330-565-2637 and leave a message for our Manager or Editor.

Death notices and obituaries will be printed in the Cortland News at the request of the family. Arrangement should be made to have information for death notices and obituaries sent directly to the Cortland News from the funeral home. Space restraints may require some editing. Publication dates for the Cortland News may prohibit an obituary from appearing prior to a funeral or memorial service.

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Community Events

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 & 16

Lakeview Local School activities and sports schedules visit www.lakeviewlocal.org. American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. www.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-733-2767.

Cortland Senior Center - Open Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cortland Christian Church.

NOVEMBER

- 26 Holiday Craft Show / Cortland Christian Church / 10 am-3 pm
- 26 Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting ~ Santa coming to town!!
- 30 Trinity Evangelical Church Advent Midweek Services

DECEMBER

- 1 Bicentennial Celebration Weekend / Mecca Community Church
- 2 Shafer-Winans Chapel Coat Drive ends
- 3 Charity Breakfast / Masonic Lodge
- 3 Cortland Playroom Preschool Santa Lunch
- 7 Trinity Evangelical Church Advent Midweek Services
- 9 Annual Winter Recital / Girts Music101Ohio.com
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Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Shafer Winans Chapel is offering free Pre-Arrangement Guidance. Get your Pre-need questions answered and learn the simple steps that will spare added stress and financial burdens on your family. Call Marcia today 330-360-5218 to schedule a No Charge Consultation.

Looking for something different for Christmas this year... How about letting Twisted Creek Outdoor Adventures give your Special Someone a memory to last a lifetime? Gift cards purchased online can be used towards rentals and special events. Some of the events we have planned for next year will be Ladies Nights, Sunrise and Sunset paddles, Glow events, Full Moon paddles, Birthday Parties, Team Building events, River Trips and more. These gift cards can be used to join the events even if you have your own kayaks. Check us out on TwistedCreekOutdoorAdventures.com.

Girt's Music101 is very proud to announce that our Annual Winter Recital (for participating students enrolled at any Music101Ohio.com location) is planned to take place the evening of Friday, December 9th at St.

Roberts Bellarmine Church.

Having a Christmas Party? Invite Santa Claus to visit with your children or office co-workers. See his ad in this issue.

Cortland Lanes reminds you to book your Christmas Party now. They still have some good dates open. Also, spend New Years Eve there. The Cosmic Bowling starts at 3 PM.

Cortland Mower is offering free pick-up and delivery on your riding mower from now through February when you schedule your Spring Tune up. I do this every year and it is reassuring to know that my mower will start and be in midseason form next Spring.

Rose Beauty Salon's Miranda Kraynak, Esthetician is offering \$5 OFF on a Dermaplane or relaxation massage for the month of November. Save even more and get \$15 OFF if you schedule them for the same time.

Greenwood Insurance reminds us that it is Medicare time - and that means it is time to call Barry Piper or MaryJo Gisewhite for the expert advice you need.

Shafer-Winans Coat Drive

The Shafer-Winans Chapel, a Lane Funeral Home, is having their 25th Annual Coat Drive for the Needy through December 2nd. Please drop off your new and gently used coats at the funeral home-164 N High St between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm-Monday thru Friday. Please use the rear entrance. These coats will in turn be cleaned and donated to the Salvation Army for distribution.



Packard Music Hall Two FREE Concerts

The W.D. Packard Concert Band will present two FREE Christmas concerts. The first is on Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 pm and features local dance studios, the full Packard Concert Band and lots of entertainment. Mrs. Santa Claus will narrate and her husband - YES, SANTA himself - will be there. He will stay after the concert to visit with the children and take pictures.

The second performance will be on Sunday, December 11 at 2 PM. It is the annual 'Jingle Bell Swing' featuring the internationally known Helen Welch accompanied by the W.D. Packard Concert Band Jingle Bell Swing Sunday, December 11th, 2022 at 2:00 pm. Once again, Santa will be there to visit with everyone and to take pictures. Enjoy both of these FREE performances from the historic W.D. Packard Concert Band! For more information go to WDPackardBand.com

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 & the Maplewood Rocket Fuel Program

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Cortland Mower Donates Bike Rack At Veterans Memorial

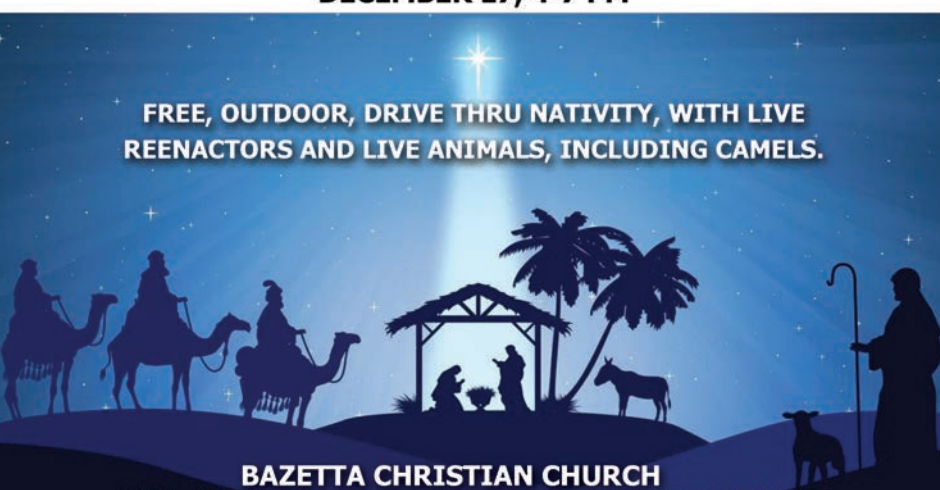
A permanently mounted bike rack has been installed at the Veterans Memorial in Cortland's Point Park. This amenity will serve the memorial visitors who wish to park their bikes in a convenient and secure manner. Sam Boyd, the owner of Cortland Mower Co., made a \$500 donation toward the cost of the bike rack, and the city service dept. staff mounted the steel galvanized unit.

Pictured are Larry Dyett, Frank Daugherty, and Ian McAleer, from the Veterans Memorial Committee and Sam Boyd, owner of Cortland Mower. Just one mower reason why this is the best place in the world to live - AND WHY WE ALL NEED TO SUPPORT LOCAL!!!



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Main Street Coffee Helps Sleep in Heavenly Peace Fundraiser

The Trumbull County Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace raised \$328 in October through a promotion with Cortland Main Street Coffee. The business donates a portion of its sales each month to a local charity. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is led by Chelsea Munroe and is a 100% volunteer non-profit organization that builds twin-sized beds from raw wood and then delivers them to children in need in our area.

Throughout the month of November they are sponsoring the Choral Department at Lakeview Schools.

In December, they will be supporting Bella Women's Center! So come out on December 1st where one dollar from each cup sold that day will go to that worthwhile organization! They provide much needed care and support to women and babies in our area.

Pictured is Chelsea Munroe from Sleep in Heavenly Peace accepting the check from Katie Toepfer and Haley Turner, Cortland Main Street Coffee Baristas.



Cortland Mower Helps Three Local Pantries Bag Hunger

Once again, Cortland Mower is helping to "Bag Hunger" by teaming up with three local organizations. The goal is to help combat the hunger problem in our area. Many families, including those with school aged children, do not have enough to eat.

You can help feed them and maybe win a new Toro Flex Force 60v Mower. Model 21357. [A \$529.00 value.] Stop into Cortland Mower at 118 Walnut St. in Cortland and pick up a green Cortland Mower Tote Bag and bring the bag back to filled with nonperishable food items before Dec. 17. You can fill as many bags as you like.

Each time you return a filled bag you will receive one entry for a chance to win the TORO Mower. Household items such as paper towels, laundry detergent, toothpaste, etc. are also appreciated. All donations will be distributed to the Lakeview School Food Pantry, The Patchwork Foundation, and the Maplewood Rocket Fuel Program. Help "BAG HUNGER" in our community and Support Local!



Shop Different This Year - Support Local

By Thom Foley

Now is a great time for all of us to make a difference. We don't have to do big things - small things quickly become big things if enough of us do them.

We can all start by being kinder to each other. We can truly carry out the theme and messages of the season by finding ways to help each other, listening more - and closer - to each other and following through.

My Mother used to tell us "The little things ARE the big things in life. So plant good seeds and nourish them until they grow into great things."

You often hear that you should 'Buy Local'. I usually write a column about it every year and I preach it all year long to everyone who is still tolerant enough to listen to me. But its important. And now we can go a little step further and do something big by doing something small. I saw this earlier this year. Not sure where I got it but I feel confident that the author would feel it is worth sharing.

Let's make something clear. When you ask someone what they want for Christmas and they say something like "pay a bill" or "fill up my gas tank", don't try to change their mind. Buy them something they would appreciate. When your response is "Well that's no fun!" then you are buying them something that isn't for them ... it's for you.

There's nothing wrong with someone wanting to do better and move forward. If you care about them, you should gift them with something that benefits their goals. You could buy them a \$50 shirt. Or you could buy them a \$50 gas station gift card that gets them to and from work for 2 weeks.

Normalize practical gifts.

Someone very wise told me the other day that we also need to start SUPPORTING LOCAL. Its not just enough to buy local - we need to support local groups, organizations and everyone who helps make this the best place in the world to live. This issue of The Cortland News is filled with stories of all the wonderful things that people do for this community. Food drives, coat drives, church services and so much more. They are all SUPPORTING LOCAL.

So support our local businesses but also all of our wonderful local organizations that make this a great place to live. That includes our schools. We are blessed to have one of the best school districts in the state. Look at all the school pics in this issue. And we didn't have enough room to put all the stories in that we wanted to. Our future is bright.

So this Thanksgiving I'm thankful for being able to live in the best place in the world. I hope you will join me in continuing to make it even better. Support local.

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Our Membership has made the following donations:

- \$5000 in Lakeview Scholarship awards
- \$200 to Lakeview Boys Soccer
- \$1000 to the City of Cortland Parks & Recreation Board in support of the Safety City project
- Lakeview Little Bulldogs \$250
- Lakeview Team Sponsor \$250
- Lakeview Food Pantry \$175
- \$500 in support of 2nd Harvest Food Bank
- Donated \$2,250 to Lions International in support of various State, National and International needs
- We purchased \$250 worth of toys to be donated to Toys For Tots
- We purchased 10 turkeys (\$150) for the Warren Rescue Mission's Thanksgiving Dinner
- Purchased a new refrigerator for the Special Needs students at Lakeview Schools (\$750)
- Donated \$2,500 to our local Food Bank - Cortland Area Cares
- Donating \$2,250 in grocery Gift Cards for Cortview Residents in need (Cortview Village is a sponsored project of the Cortland Lions Club)
- Donated \$200 to provide a Pizza and Bowling Party at Cortland Lanes for Boyd's Home
- Donated \$500 to support the annual Cortland Christmas Tree

Lighting (our members will be serving hot chocolate, warm cider and cookies at the free event)

- We donated \$1,850 to the Lakeview Band Boosters from French Fry sales at home football games

- We donated \$1,850 to Lakeview Athletics Boosters from French Fry sales at home football games

The above donations total \$20,025. Of the above donations 52% was donated to various Lakeview projects in support of Lakeview Students and 89% of our total donations remained local.

During the month of November, we also delivered over 4,300 pair of used Eyeglasses to the Uniontown Lions Club through our donation boxes. The Uniontown Lions Club reads the prescriptions, tags the glasses and makes them available to intercity health clinics and medical missionaries worldwide. We also donated 5 pair of hearing aids that were placed in our eye glass donation bins to area residents in need.

We are THANKFUL for all our members and those members who can participate in our Fund-Raising activities. Our members donate their time and talents and *no member derives any benefits from our fundraising.*

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Rick Fleischer Speaks to Braceville Historical Society

The Braceville Historical Society was honored to have Cortland's own Railroad Historian, Rick Fleischer, as our guest speaker. He gave an excellent presentation on railroads in and around Braceville that was very informative. Thanks to Rick's friends who attended and added to the conversation, our open house was well attended with over 30 people. Thanks to all who came. We also had a good Q & A session with comments that brought back many memories.

Our next open house will be held on Sunday, November 27th in the Braceville Town Hall at 2:00 pm. Everyone is invited.



Sebastian Ruddy Wins Bowling Tournament

A Lakeview High School Student won the 33rd Annual Warren Junior Masters Bowling Tournament. There were 3 days of bowling. Friday, Nov 4 was at Freeway Lanes, Saturday at Champion Lanes and Sunday was at Cortland Lanes. Each day consisted of 4 games and he led from the beginning. Then he won the championship 226 to 167. He regularly bowls at Cortland Lanes. Congratulations Sebastian!



Halloween

Trick or Treaters were all over Cortland and Bazetta during Halloween. Local Police and Fire were also distributing candy and making a visible presence to help keep everyone safe. Some churches, businesses and civic organizations also held events for the ghosts and goblins!



Knox Reinard [4] and his sister Camille [1]



Tessa Malone, Sutton Malone, Olivia Norris, Easton Malone, Kelsey Malone, DJ Dawson and Naomi Dawson.



At a recent meeting the Cortland Rotary Club learned about local and industrial real estate projects from Platz Realty Group. Pictured are Alicia Angelo of Platz, Rotary member Trish Fatobene and Dan Crouse of Platz Realty Group.





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Free Outdoor Live Nativity

Bazetta Christian Church is celebrating its 174th year in 2022 and has a special event this Advent season - its very own Outdoor Living Nativity. The event will be on Sunday, December 18 from 4 - 7 PM at the parking lot behind Bazetta Christian Church, 4131 Hoagland Blackstub Rd., (Bazetta Rd.) All are invited to witness the night of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, featuring costumed reenactors and live animals, including camels in the Nativity scene! This will be an amazing experience and we hope you take time to center your attention on "The True Meaning of Christmas."



Methodist Church Thanks Community for Pantry Support

We of the United Methodist Church wish to thank all who have contributed to the success of this year's curbside pantry. The response has been exceptional. May those who contributed and those who have received share God's blessings. The weather is no longer supporting our ministry. We will be closing for the winter and will reopen in early April.

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Happenings At Trinity Evangelical Church

Advent Midweek Services will be on Wednesdays Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th, 14th, and 21st.

Christmas Eve Service at 6 pm,
 Christmas Day Service at 10:15 am
 Children's Nativity Program Dec. 25th at 9 am.

Christmas In Cortland

By Carole Wiley

Yes! LOAF will again this year sponsor "Christmas in Concert", the community Christmas Concert! Covid has finally taken a back seat to many of our treasured events! The Cortland Community Band will again be the headliner. They will bless us with the special music and carols of Christmas! The band leader, Craig Wiencek, leads the very talented and spirited musicians. Many of them are LHS graduates but not all. Some come from other communities. Their common thread is their love of playing an instrument.

Again this year, our growing community choir will perform under the direction of Michelle Robbins Jones. The concert this year will take place on Monday, December 19th at 7:00 PM in the LHS auditorium. The concert is free and open to all.

Wildare Methodist Church Events

There are a lot of interesting things happening at Wildare Methodist Church this month. First up we will be having a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Thursday, December 8, 12-6:00 p.m. visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

The next Family Board Game Night on Friday, Dec. 9 from 6-9:00 pm.

Everyone is invited to come Wednesdays at 6:00 pm and find out how STEM activities and Bible stories can work together to provide a whole lot of fun! If you are in 2nd through 6th grade, you are invited to join in the fun. Bring a friend! Contact Barb @ wildarebw@gmail.com if you are interested in case days/times change.

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As we shift our focus upon our local community, from the holiday traditions of Cortland to supporting our small businesses, let us not forget to take God's word to our own townfolk. In this busy season, I wish to encourage you to take time to remember that you are children of God, and God has a mission for you. His desire is for you to be fishers of men. He wants all people around the world to know the Gospel, but we are to start first with Jerusalem.

Our Jerusalem is Cortland, Ohio. This is our local place of ministry. Then we can branch off to our region, to our Judea and Samaria, and then we can spread the Gospel throughout the world. Let us be Christ's light during this season. Let us not forget our neighbors but love them. Let us not neglect our own town in the midst of national and global events taking place. Take the Gospel with you wherever you go.



The members and friends of the Cortland Church of the Nazarene recently enjoyed a fantastic picnic at the Tudor Octagon Christmas store in Trumbull County.

Mecca Community Church Bicentennial Weekend

Mecca Community Church is celebrating their Bicentennial anniversary December 2 - 4. This year special events will be held to commemorate 200 years of church history. Photo displays and artifacts from the past will highlight the history, people and activities of the church.

There will be several opportunities to join the celebration. The first will be Jason David on Sunday November 27 at 10 AM. A cancer survivor, David, will give a humorous faith-filled account of his struggles.


- On Friday, December 2 - Shirah Brothers of Nashville concert at 7pm
- Saturday December 3 - Community Dinner 6 pm with Comedian Bob Smiley 7:30

• Sunday December 4 will be a special day as Charles Kindle, pastor of Mecca Community Church from 1970 to 2003, will give the message at the 10 AM service with Pastor Steve Garces and music by Lana Opel

We invite you to join in the celebration of 200 years of service to God and to the community. Watch for a history of the Church in the December 17 issue of The Cortland News.

Church Of The Nazarene Aerobics Group

The Cortland Church of the Nazarene ladies have started an aerobics exercise group. Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 3:00 pm, in the church multi-purpose room. All ladies are invited to come, stay for one mile, two miles, or all five miles as we "walk, walk, walk to the beat". FREE!



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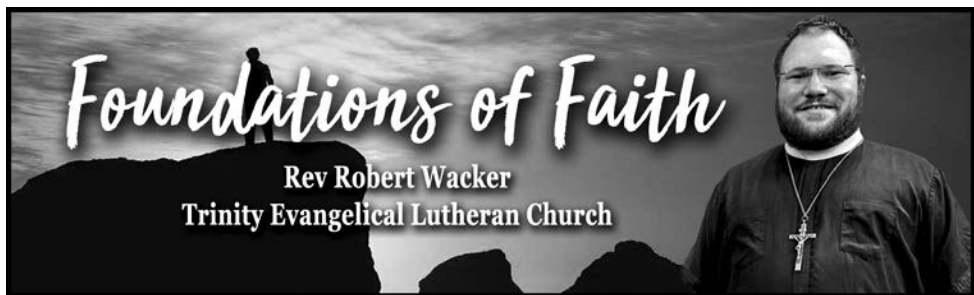
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As we celebrate this week, we are grateful for this gift, we come together to enjoy time with those we love and care for. We can even celebrate and give thanks even if this holiday did not go the way we wanted and even if we

didn't get time off. Life isn't always easy but God is with us. Where we muck everything up, He comes with love to forgive. He died for your sins, and the sins of the whole world. Where we aren't perfect, He is.

As the familiar hymn reminds us this season to "Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son." It reminds us that God gave His one and only Son to die for you to cover your sins with His blood. He did this for you that you are forgiven, you have salvation, and that in Jesus Christ who died and rose and ascended, your God, gives you eternal life. This is why we can be thankful in the best of times and even in the worst of times. God's Peace be with you.



Saving Money at Disney

My family and I recently traveled to Disney and spent time at 3 of the parks (Universal, Hollywood and Magic Kingdom). Frugality is a necessary way of life for us, so I did what I could to save money and wanted to share what I learned.

Food and beverages are extremely expensive in all of the parks, for instance, a small bottle of regular spring water is \$3.50. Bring a big backpack and pack food. I highly recommend jerky- beef, turkey, chicken, whatever type you like, as it is relatively inexpensive and doesn't take much to do the trick when hunger strikes. Veggie straws, trail mix, applesauce pouches, and granola

bars travel well too. Pack refillable water bottles - buy a jug of spring water when you get there. There are drinking fountains throughout the parks to refill them.

Bring a portable phone charger with you (or several) because they are \$30 in the gift shops, and very few outlets around. If you or your kids are interested in Disney gear, buy it before you go, as clothing in gift shops can be \$25-\$100, especially Minnie Mouse ears - they're very popular but you can purchase them online or in stores here for less than \$10, saving you at least \$20 a pair!

Loaf Will Help Schools!

By Carole Wiley

"Christmas in Cortland", the annual free Christmas concert, will again assist a local entity. Every year LOAF accepts donations at the door during the concert. In past years, we have used your generous donations to reach the final amount of funds needed for the Lakeview Marching Band to order needed uniforms. Following that, funds were used so the Bazetta and Cortland Fire Departments could purchase protective vests for the medics to wear if a mass shooting occurred. Last year, money was raised to obtain Resque Dics to put in the police cars in both communities.

Lakeview Schools has identified three areas for which there are no available funds. The very young children tend to frequently have accidents of various sorts which make it necessary to put on clean pants/jeans. Teachers routinely purchase sweatpants with their own money to provide to the children. The goal to provide this clothing for an extended time.

Lakeview's Elementary music teacher, Shannon Marsteller, has voiced a strong desire to enhance the love and appreciation of music in her young students. She is interested in providing Midi Keyboard Controllers to some



in the 2nd - 4th grade. The keyboard attaches to their Chromebook. Then a piano keyboard appears on the screen. The child can then begin to learn to play the piano. How many of us would have loved such an opportunity at that age!

Thirdly, our Lakeview schools have 2 food pantries in the K-8 school and in the high school, which is called the Bulldog Pantry. The need here is to provide funds to purchase certain food items particularly desired by teens.

Our Lakeview Schools are A rated! Our teachers are outstanding and dedicated! Our students are very well educated which allows them to pursue adult challenges with success. We are their "fan base"! We need to cheer them on by doing what we can do to help them along the way!

Please remember to support local!

LHS 2022 Grad Credits Great Education For Her Success

By Aydin DiBell and Michael Burns

In anticipation of her return to the Mahoning Valley for her recent performance, Shaina Vencel reminisced about her early years in Cortland.

Vencel spent her teenage years performing with the Lakeview High School Drama Club under the direction of Tom Hitmar, singing in Madrigals under the direction of Jane Page, spending Fridays as a Voice Major at Arts/EXCEL, and taking voice lessons with Rosemary Raridon at the Dana School of Music.

Vencel learned a great deal from Hitmar in her time at Lakeview. She said, "We were the first class to be with Mr. Hitmar as our drama director all five years because we had 8th grade in the high school building back then."

She spoke about her favorite parts of each high school production.

Vencel said of 9th grade, "I was in Anything Goes! It was my first proper Broadway-style musical and I was overjoyed. I was cast as Charity, one of Reno Sweeney's Angels. I didn't know the show very well before performing in it, and I remember seeing my name on the cast list that was posted on the doors to the auditorium and just being SO EXCITED that I, as a freshman, had an actual character name instead of just 'ensemble'."

Sophomore year was one of her Vencel's favorite years. She was in Voices 2000, consisting of small scenes and monologues all from the points of view of teenagers in the 90s. Vencel said, "This play was the first time I felt like I truly affected the audience as an actor, my first taste of what it really means to do this art."

In her junior year Lakeview presented Little Shop of Horrors. Vencel learned that every role matters in a production. She said, "I had a blast as one of the urchins. We were so lucky to have Mr. Hitmar both as a director AND as a scenic designer. His sets were the envy of all my theatre friends from other schools. I still can't believe he built all three plants - usually they are rented! What's very cool is that I got return to "Skid Row" to perform as Audrey in a production of Little Shop of Horrors last summer! Max Jackson, a 2002 Lakeview graduate who played Seymour at Lakeview, came out to see it and I won a regional Broadway World award for Best Actor in a Musical for my performance. It was a lovely full-circle kind of career highlight!"

In Vencel's senior year, she acted in two productions. Of Stage Door she said, "I played Terry Randall, the leading role - my first one at Lakeview! I was incredibly honored and excited, and my biggest (and funniest) memory is being terrified that I had to kiss the little brother of one of my best friends at the end of the play!"

Vencel urges everyone in the drama club to "enjoy every moment and remember that with each show you do, you will never, EVER, have that same experience again, with THESE people, in THIS scenario, and in THIS time. Every moment you have onstage with your fellow Lakeview actors and crew is so very special. Whether you end up doing this for a living or something completely different, if you love the art, never stop doing it. Especially in the Mahoning Valley, there is incredible community theater that you can ALWAYS be involved in, no matter where life takes you. I can honestly say that I think the quality of community theatre productions in Trumbull & Mahoning county is equal to that of some professional theatres in other areas. Take advantage of that! This art is so very important. As Mr. Hitmar used to say, 'we get to show the audience what it is to be a human being.'"

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Class of 2023 Spotlight Bulldog

This tri-weekly installment will spotlight an outstanding graduating senior at Lakeview High School. Each showcased student will be someone who represents their family, Lakeview Schools, and most importantly, our Bazetta/Cortland community with integrity, commitment, and loyalty.

This issue's Spotlight Bulldog is Joshua Reighard. Joshua is the child of Jeanne Reighard and Michael Reighard and Joshua's whole career has been with the Lakeview Schools. Joshua takes a combination of Lakeview High School classes along with college courses from Eastern Gateway Community College and Youngstown State University. Joshua is heavily involved with our bands and actively participates in the Symphonic Band, Marching Band, and Jazz Band. On top of that, Joshua has been elected by his peers to be the Band's Vice President.

Joshua is a member of the National Honor Society and gives back to our community through their service projects. If you have been to any live shows in the Cortland/Bazetta area over the past two years, you may have caught Josh playing drums for the local band Speed Limit.

Get to know Joshua better with a quick 60-second rapid-fire interview.

- 1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? - Playing Drums. Really any percussion instrument.
- 2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? - The bands and music department.
- 3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? - Definitely Brothers Pizza.
- 4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland? - At the cottage with my band. Playing music and jamming around.
- 5.) You might catch me ... - Playing a drum set somewhere in the area. Come see Speed Limit.
- 6.) What are your future aspirations? - I want to make it big in the music industry as a drummer or, if that doesn't work out, as a nurse anesthetist.



Lakeview 2022-23 Varsity Volleyball



Lakeview 2022-23 JV Volleyball

From the Desk of the Superintendent

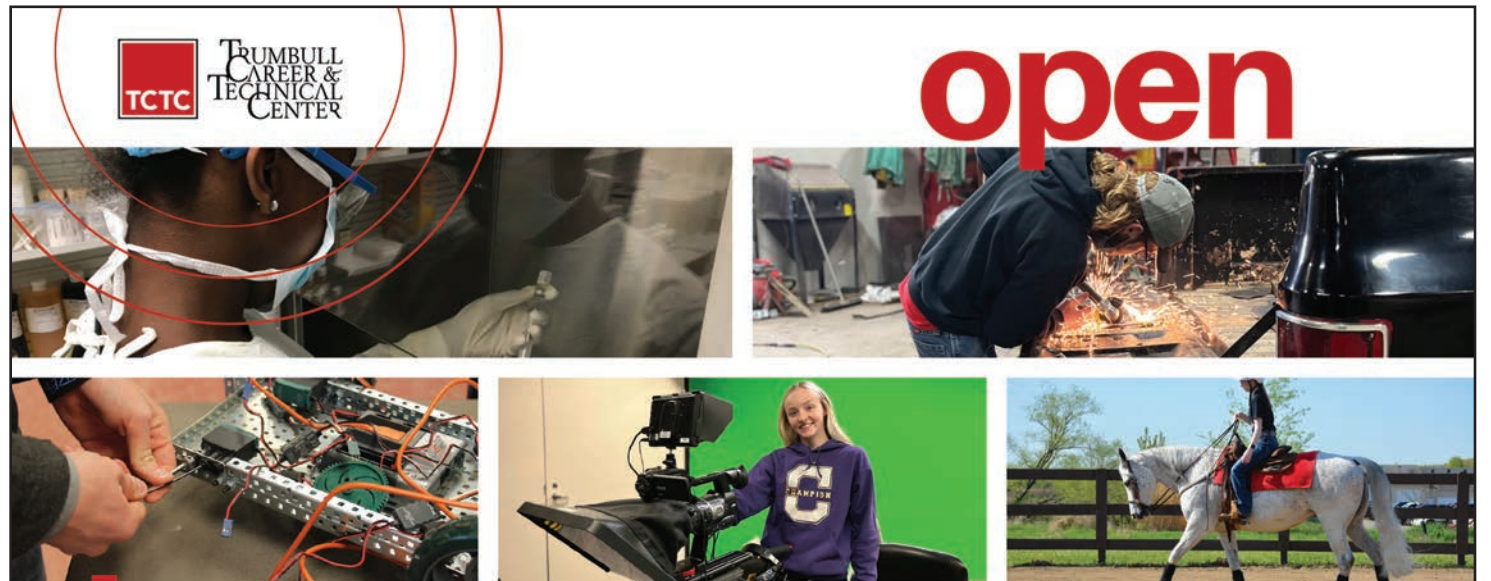
By Velina J. Taylor

This edition of your Cortland News has the theme, "Shop Local." Everyone has probably heard that it's important to shop local. To do so means we are supporting our community, helping our neighbors thrive, and adding to the overall appeal of our immediate area. We have many hometown businesses who should be celebrated for their positive contributions to our way of life here in the Cortland and Bazetta neighborhoods.

There are many similarities between the shop-local initiative and the support-your-local-schools initiative. Thriving local businesses and thriving local schools both add to the quality of life in our community. Both are sources of pride. Both help to protect the area's future by offering products—in the form of merchandise or well-prepared students—that are beneficial for all concerned.

Some may say they can get a locally offered product cheaper online, and that may be true, but are we considering the downstream effects to our local merchants and our community experience? Some may say they cannot afford to support their public schools as well, but it might be worthwhile to consider those downstream effects.

In short, perhaps the phrase can be turned a bit to "Support Local." As always, the choice is ours and the results will be ours to enjoy or to endure.



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DEC. 7, 6:00-8:00 PM

Open House is an opportunity for parents and families of current 8th graders and sophomores to meet with instructors, ask questions, and make an informed decision before submitting an application to TCTC. Applications will open on December 7 at 6:00 pm for the 23-24 school year. To register for Open House, visit tctchome.com/page/open-house.



The Lakeview High School Marching Band traveled to Orlando, Florida ahead of Hurricane Nicole and marched in Magic Kingdom on Saturday, Nov 12. They were able to enjoy time at Universal Studios where they were able to participate in a workshop hosted by Stars Studio Design. They also enjoyed a day at Hollywood Studios on the trip. Guests at Disney were quite impressed with their sound and their famous band dance during the parade.

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and marshmallows. PreK and preschool children were on stage singing songs that they learned since the beginning of the school year. An art project of tracing hands and making turkeys was enjoyed by everyone. This will be an annual event!



High School Open to Winter Walkers

LHS is open to Winter Walkers on the 1st of November from 3 pm - 6 pm, Mondays through Fridays, until the end of the season. Please just walk-in through the main entrance. We will have a coat rack for you in the lobby. We have 2 floors available for you to walk safely.



Mini-Grants Support Work With Autism Students

The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley is pleased to announce its 2022 grant recipient winners for their Autism Teacher Mini-Grant Program, which awarded \$950 in funds to area special education teachers to help them expand student needs in their classroom. This year there was a focus on helping those transitioning to learn work skills. Awards were given to teachers across Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana counties.

Valley Special Ed Teachers Support Work Transition Needs Autism Society provides educators with mini grants to assist with student needs

Here are the projects that the Autism Society will help to start or support.

- 1 st Place receiving a grant of \$500 - Kimberly Moore, an Instruction Specialist at The Rich Center for Autism. Restaurant work skills are great skills for individuals with autism to learn. Work carts, utility bins and more will be purchased using this grant to teach individuals how to bus tables. This is a skill that could be used in restaurants, food courts, and different living centers such as nursing homes.
- 2 nd Place receiving a grant of \$250 - Joann Crytzer, an Intervention Specialist at Potential Development Program. Her project is for her students earning "money" when they complete vocational tasks and/or workforce tasks, they earn incentives and "money" in which they can make purchases.
- 3 rd Place (tie) receiving a grant of \$100 - Pamela Kassos an Intervention Specialist at the Rich Center for Autism. Her project is a newer computer to help her students scan documents for work experience.

• 3 rd Place (tie) receiving a grant of \$100 - Teri Rauch, a teacher and soon-to-be BCBA at East Palestine City School District. She will use the grant to make a Mindfulness Walk for her students.

"We appreciate all the hard work that special needs teachers provide every day and with these grants we hope other teachers get ideas for new projects for their classrooms too," stated Robin Suzelis, Director, Autism Society of Mahoning Valley The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley revived this project in 2017 to show appreciation and support the great teachers in the Valley who help children and teens on the autism spectrum.

For additional information on ASMV, please visit www.autismmv.org.



Cortland Playroom Hosts Lunch With Santa

The Cortland Playroom Preschool is having a Santa lunch that will be open to their children and families and also to the public on Saturday Dec 3 from 11 AM - 1 PM.

There is a magic show at 11:30 followed by Santa at Noon. A basket raffle will also be held. Cameras and videos are welcome. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door.

Call the Playroom at 330-637-2296 tickets and more information.

LMS Invites Senior Citizens to JINGLE & MINGLE

The Lakeview Middle School is celebrating the holiday season with a pancake breakfast and they are inviting all community Senior Citizens to join them. The event is December 15 at 9:15 AM at the LMS, 640 Wakefield Dr. It is sponsored by Junior Beta. Just RSVP by Dec 7 by calling 330-637-4360 or email Ashley.handrych@lakeviewlocal.org

Lets show up and let the children of our community know that the Senior Citizens support them. And we get a free breakfast too! See you there!

TCTC Holds Open House Dec 7

TCTC High School is holding an open house opportunity for parents and families of current 8th graders and sophomores to meet with instructors, ask questions and make an informed decision before submitting an application to TCTC. Applications will open on December 7 at 6 PM for the 2023-2024 school year. To register for the Open House visit tctchome.com/page/open-house



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Money Management for Couples

Life partners need to be on the same page about money

We all know couples who fight about money. In fact, you may personally be in a relationship where finances are a source of tension. It's no mystery why these kinds of conflicts are so common – money fuels our ability to take care of ourselves and our dependents. Managing it requires discipline and a plan, but often couples don't see eye-to-eye on what that means. When long-term committed partners share their finances but not the same values and habits around money, it's ripe for friction. Fortunately, as with most things, clear and open communication can help. Here are four questions to facilitate an honest and productive conversation with your spouse or partner about money.

#1 – How are expenses managed?

If you are soon to be married or living together, you need to determine how your money will be combined (joint checking and savings accounts or separate accounts) and who will be responsible for each household expense. If you've been together for some time, your primary focus is to make sure that you're living within your means and that there is transparency about all money matters. To the extent you take on debt or make large purchases, it needs to be an amount both parties are comfortable with.

#2 – What are today's financial priorities?

These can change from time to time, but it's important for couples to frequently discuss what is important to them. For example, young couples may want to determine if they should set money aside for a down payment on a house. Some may want to prioritize spending on vacations. Later in life, couples need to think about how they plan to spend their time (and money) in retirement. These are issues that should be discussed frequently to make certain there are no surprises.

#3 – What are your long-term goals?

These tend to vary based on your age and are likely to change, to some extent, over the course of your lives. As a young couple, putting money aside for higher education (your own or your children's) may be one of your priorities. Even though retirement may be a long way off, the sooner you begin saving for that goal, the better. Those who are older may be primarily focused on retirement and the disposition of their estate. Sitting down with a financial advisor can be beneficial regardless of your age. An advisor will gather input from both parties and craft a plan to help guide your long-term financial decision-making.

#4 – Is proper paperwork in place?

For couples who plan to get married, there might be reasons to consider a pre-nuptial agreement. It spells out how assets are to be divided in case of divorce. Most importantly, it limits costs related to litigation should divorce occur, as the parties agreed in advance on how assets will be split. For older couples, making sure estate documents are in place is important. The issues are trickier in cases of blended families, as the distribution of assets can be more sensitive. In both cases, seeking proper legal guidance is important.

Bottom Line

When it comes to money, communication is key, especially since it can be a very emotional topic. That's why talking about it regularly is important. For couples, limiting financial surprises – whether that be long-standing debt or large purchases – can go a long way to building a healthy, team-oriented approach to budgeting and managing money.

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Seniors Can Reduce Their Tax Burden By Donating To Charity Through Their IRA

In most cases, distributions from a traditional Individual Retirement Account are taxable in the year the account owner receives them but there are some exceptions. A qualified charitable distribution is one of the few exceptions. A QCD is a nontaxable distribution made directly by the trustee of an IRA to organizations that are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. QCDs can't occur from Simplified Employee Pension plans and Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees IRA.

Making a QCD can benefit the taxpayer by reducing their taxable income while they support qualifying charitable organizations of their choice. The taxpayer doesn't have to worry about meeting the standard deduction or itemizing deductions with a QCD. Financial institutions report QCDs on Form 1099-R for the calendar year the distribution occurs. There's no number or letter code on the Form 1099-R that indicates the distribution was a QCD.

QCD Guidelines

- Taxpayers who make a QCD must be at least 70½ years old on the day of the distribution. * A QCD will count toward a required minimum distribution.
- The taxpayer must have an acknowledgement of the contribution.
- The amount of the QCD can't be more than the amount of the distribution that would count as income. * Declare the QCD as income to claim the

charitable contribution as a deduction.

- The maximum annual exclusion for QCDs is \$100,000.

- When filing a joint return, the spouse can also have a QCD and exclude up to \$100,000.

- Any QCD more than the \$100,000 exclusion limit counts as income like any other distribution. * The amount of QCD contribution limits for exclusion reduce after age 70½.

Reporting a QCD on an income tax return

• Report a QCD on Form 1040; report the full amount of the charitable distribution on the line for IRA distributions.

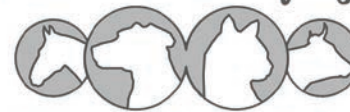
• On the line for the taxable amount, enter zero if the full amount was a QCD and enter "QCD" next to this line.

• See the Form 1040 instructions for additional information. Taxpayers must also file Form 8606 if the QCD came from:

- a traditional IRA and they received a distribution from the IRA during the same year, other than the QCD; or
- a Roth IRA.

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Maniacs in the Woods

Maniacs in the Woods celebrated another successful year, and we are looking forward to next year. De Anna Fuchilla, the genius behind Maniacs in the Woods exclaims "We cannot believe how this went from an idea to an event bringing people from Michigan, Ohio, and PA to our little neck of the woods". All the proceeds made from this haunted attraction will go towards the scouts to help support their program.

We had the ability to wrap up our sixth year of operations with our second annual trunk or treat that drew in a crowd of four hundred plus people. This trunk or treat was free to all that attended and was a night full of laughter, smiles, and memories. We were honored to have Mayor Petrosky, Bazetta Fire Department, and Bazetta Police Department present giving away candy. Kyla Roper won a bottle of wine from L'uva Bella, our wine sponsor for best decorated trunk.

We look forward to next year being even bigger and better! Troop 54 is sponsored by the Cortland Bazetta Optimists Club.

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LES Harvest Party

The Lakeview Elementary celebrated their harvest party during Halloween. Each grade level got their own party in the gym and parents were allowed to come celebrate with their children. It was a fun filled day!



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The Difference Between Medicare Supplement Insurance And A Medicare Advantage Plan?

There are significant differences between Medicare Supplement insurance plans and Medicare Advantage plans. Both work well to help cover costs of care that Original Medicare Insurance does not cover. What will work best for you will depend on your specific situation and preferences. One size definitely does not fit all and there are numerous good options available.

Medicare supplement plans work with original Medicare Insurance. With a Medicare Supplement you do not cancel or replace your Medicare Part A or Part B coverage and you still have all your Medicare insurance benefits, rights and protections. These plans are a secondary (supplemental) insurance to original Medicare insurance and help cover costs not covered by Medicare. For example, Part B of Medicare Insurance covers outpatient services, doctor appointments and tests. Typically, Medicare pays 80% of approved costs after a deductible is met and you are left with the remaining 20%. There are no limits the 20% with only original Medicare insurance. A supplement will pay some or all those costs depending on the specific plan.

There are several different supplemental insurance plans available. These plans are required to be the same from company to company and are approved by CMS (Medicare). However, each company sets their own premiums and rate increase schedules. These plans do not include prescription drug coverage (part D), vision, dental or hearing benefits. A separate prescription plan needs to be added to the coverage to avoid potential Medicare last enrollment penalties.

Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C) combine Parts A, B and possibly D. They are administered by the individual insurance companies instead

of Medicare. Many of these plans include prescription drug coverage and most have extra ancillary benefits. They typically have lower premiums and are either HMO or PPO plans. HMO plans require you to see doctors within their network or services are not covered except in an emergency. PPO plans do not require you to see in network doctors but will pay more of the costs if you do. The premiums for these plans vary from plan to plan and range from \$0.00 - \$100 or more. They typically have copays for services and a set maximum out of pocket amount for the year.

If you have a Medicare Advantage plan or a standalone prescription drug plan (Part D) with a Medicare Supplement insurance plan each year between October 15 - December 7 you have the option to review your plan and switch plans if there is a better option for your specific needs. Each of these plans vary in coverage, premium and availability based on the county you live in. If you have one of these plans it is a good idea to touch base with your local agent to see if it is still a good option for you.

Your local agent knows the plans available in your specific area better than an agent somewhere else answering the 1-800 numbers you see on TV. They can check the costs of the plans with your prescriptions and make sure your doctors are in network if you choose an Advantage plan. They can also compare plans from different companies. If you have a problem, you can contact them directly for help.

Jill Freeman is a licensed insurance agent with Wiley Insurance Services, located at 3470 Warren Meadville Rd, Cortland. She can be reached at 234-244-4014 or JFreeman.WileyInsurance@gmail.com. Wiley Insurance is not connected to the Federal Medicare Program.



FREE Breakfast With Santa

The Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club is hosting a FREE pancake breakfast with Santa Claus on December 17, from 8 am-10:30 am. Santa will arrive at 9 am and families will be able to take pictures with Santa for free, but they must bring their own cameras. Everyone will be provided pancakes and sausage with a few drink choices. There will be music, food, a Chinese auction, and 50/50 raffle. The raffle and auction will be cash only and although this event is completely free, we are asking for donations of non-perishable food goods for local Pantries for Christmas.

Charity Breakfast Scheduled For Saturday, Dec. 3rd

The Cortland Masonic Lodge has scheduled their next Saturday morning Charity Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at their location at 3263 Everett-Hull Rd from 9 am to Noon. This breakfast will benefit Scout Troop 28, and Scouting representatives will be present to answer any questions about their membership and activities.

The "all you can eat" Charity Family Breakfasts are held each month by the Lodge, and 100% of the proceeds are donated to a local charity.

The breakfast cost is \$8.00 for adults, and \$6.00 for youth ages 6 to 10, and FREE for any children aged 5 and under. Included are pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee. Bring the whole family and enjoy breakfast together, with take-outs available.

Mecca Community Church & Mecca Township Trustees Present: 12 Days Of Merry Mecca Christmas

Mecca Township is celebrating Christmas with some help from the Mecca Community Church.

- Thursday December 1 Storytime @ Townhall 6:30 pm
- Friday December 2 Ugly Sweater BINGO @ Townhall 7pm
- Saturday December 3 MCC Bicentennial Celebration
- Community Christmas Dinner @ 6 pm & Comedy Show @ 7:30 pm
- Sunday December 4 MCC Bicentennial Celebration Tree lighting @ Mecca Circle 7pm Community Christmas Dinner @ 6 pm & Comedy Show @ 7:30 pm
- Thursday December 8 Home for the Holidays - Virtual Event see online event for details
- Friday December 9 Hot Cocoa & Paint @ MCC 7pm - pre-registration required by 11-22
- Saturday December 10 3rd Annual All Aboard Christmas Spectacular @ MCC 6 pm (free drive-in movie)

- Sunday December 11 Ornament Making & White Elephant @ townhall 3 pm
 - Tuesday December 13 - Sunday December 18 Walking through Winter Wonderland @ MCC 6 - 9 pm
 - Thursday December 15 Christmas Candy Caravan 7pm @ MCC
 - Friday December 16 Christmas Card making & Gingerbread house Contest 6:30 @ townhall
 - Saturday Dec 17 Brunch with Santa @ Townhall @ 10 am - 1 pm
 - Sunday December 18 Final night of Winter Wonderland Walk through @ MCC 6 - 9 pm
- Any questions can be directed to Christen Clemson 330-360-0042 or Angel Garces - Bulford 330-646-9378 or Tami Morrison 330-240-2087

GTSWMD Has New Hours

The Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) would like to announce their winter hours of operation at the Trumbull Collection Facility, 5138 Enterprise Drive in Warren. The Trumbull Facility will be open every Wednesday from 10 am to 3 pm for electronics and appliances only. No household hazardous waste (HHW) will be collected at the Trumbull Collection Facility throughout the winter.

Residents may utilize the Geauga

Collection Facility, 12685 Merritt Road Chardon to dispose of their household hazardous waste (HHW) every Friday from 10 am to 3 pm. The Geauga Collection Facility accepts household hazardous waste (HHW), electronics and appliances free of charge.

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Residents should refrain from disposal of "flushable" wipes, baby wipes, gloves, towels, adult diapers, toilet scrubbing pads and other paper products into the sewer system. These materials could clog your home's sanitary lateral and plug the city's pumps and mainlines. The property owner is responsible for clogs in the lateral and may experience back up of their own sewage. However, a clogged pump or mainline could potentially

cause the back up of sewage in multiple homes.

Please do not flush "flushable" wipes, rubber gloves, paper towels, baby wipes, rags, adult diapers, toilet scrubbing pads or other paper products into the city sewer. These materials should be disposed of with your weekly trash service. Your anticipated cooperation on this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Blasco
Cortland Service Director



NEO Junk And Cortland Lions Club Donate To Safety City

NEO Junk and the Cortland Lions Club donated to the Cortland Parks & Recreation Safety City Project. Ryan Stan, owner of NEO Junk, is shown donating the proceeds of NEO Junk/ Lions Club Fall Scrap proceeds \$580 and NEO Junk donated an additional \$500.

Dennis Gartland and Ralph McCord are shown donating \$500 from the Cortland Lions Club. The combined donations amounted to \$1,580. The donations were presented to Cortland Mayor Deidre Petrosky at the November 7th City Council meeting.



The Cortland Lions Club Donate Turkeys

The Cortland Lions Club delivered ten turkeys to the Warren Family Mission to be used for their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.



Caitlin White, Executive Director of the Family Mission accepts the turkeys from Basil Jarrett and Jim Gorse, Lions Club Members.



Toys for Tots Our Cortland Fire Department is collecting new unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots Program. Collections are being taken during business hours, now through Saturday, December 10th at the station. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Salvation Army Angel Tree The Cortland Police Department is participating in the Salvation Army "Angel Tree Program" again this year. Tags are available to be picked up at the city administration building.

Cortland Christmas Tree Lighting! Saturday, November 26th from 3 - 7 p.m. in the parking lot across from the old Cortland Bank on W. Main. There will be carriage rides, caroling, music, ornament making, hot cocoa, cider, cookies and Santa & Mrs. Claus! The tree lighting is at 6 pm

Be Neighborly Do not rake leaves or shovel snow into the street. Blocked storm drains could cause street flooding and/or standing water. Also, remember that the clearing of snow from sidewalks is the property owner's responsibility.

Be Weather Aware - When you are in the mall, grocery store and other indoor spaces, you can't always hear the outdoor warning sirens. There is a new tool that Residents of Trumbull County can utilize for that; to stay up to date with severe weather warnings, boil alerts, road closures and more.

This is the Trumbull County EMA WENS System. Go to https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/Trumbull_oh/wens.cfm to sign up to receive notices.

Offices Closed-City Administration Offices will be closed Friday, November 24th and 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Republic Services trash pickup will be delayed by one day due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Your trash and recycling pickup will NOT be delayed because of the Christmas holiday. Service day will remain the same.

City of Cortland's Natural Gas Aggregate - The price is \$3.50 per mcf and is fixed for two years. This program is through Constellation. You will need to opt in.

The Cortland Scope Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cortland Christian Church -153 Grove.

- Dates to Remember**
City Offices closed:
- December 23rd and 26th for the Christmas holiday
 - December 5 & 19 - City Council meeting - 7 p.m.
 - December 12 - Parks Board meeting - 5:30 p.m.
 - December 12 - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Bazetta Police and Fire participate in "Can the Cruiser" and "Fill the Pot" Food Drives

The Bazetta Police & Fire, Howland Police & Fire, Champion Police, Niles Police and The Ohio State Highway Patrol partnered together for our communities on November 19, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for the annual "Can the Cruiser" and "Fill the

Pot" food drives. The food drive was held at five locations across Trumbull County and will serve to stock five local food pantries.

The Bazetta Police and Fire Departments and the Ohio State Highway Patrol were at the Walmart on Millennium Boulevard collecting food and monetary donations. All proceeds collected at the Bazetta Walmart were donated to Cortland Area Cares. Cortland Area Cares serves the Lakeview School District, as well as qualifying members of supporting area churches.



Firefighters Rob Wasser and Cole McLissac of BFD help fill the cruiser.



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Cortland Library Events

Holiday Closings - The Cortland Library and all Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations and services will be closed Dec. 24 through Dec. 26 and Mon., Jan. 2, 2023.

The Cortland Library and all Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations and services will be closed Mon., Jan. 16, 2023, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

The Cortland Library, 578 Lakeview Dr., is open Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday closed.

EVENTS

Painting Class with Local Artist Tim Milliner, Sat., Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. Tim Milliner, a local artist and owner of the Party Art Café and Studio in Niles, will lead participants in creating a holiday themed painting. All supplies will be provided. For adults only, please. Registration is required; seating is limited. Call the library at (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

Toddler Tales, Mondays at 10 a.m.: Dec. 5, 12; Jan. 9, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 27.

Storytime for toddlers ages 19 to 35 months with a parent or caregiver. Free. Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Dec. 6, 13; Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 28. Stories, songs and movement activities reinforce the development of early literacy skills. For children ages 3 to 5. Free.

Midweek Mayhem. Wednesdays between 3 - 4 p.m.: Dec. 7, 14; Jan. 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22. Games, activities, and a small snack each week. For teens in grades 7-12. Free.

A Cortland Christmas. Thurs., Dec. 8, 6-7 p.m. This evening for all ages will feature live holiday music with guests Tyler Guerrieri on guitar and vocalist Annabelle Himes; a visit from Santa; plus children's crafts and refreshments. Free.

Keep Calm and Relax, Mon., Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. Midterms and holidays got you stressed out? Come relax at the library with crafts, yoga, and other relaxation techniques. For teens in grades 7-12. Call the library at (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

One-Of-A-Kind Handcrafted Bass Guitar Raffle To Benefit Local Breast Cancer Survivors

Eric Mangle has created a one-of-a-kind bass guitar that could be yours. Mangle, owner of Mangled Custom Guitars in Warren, has entered a Jacobite bass he crafted from scratch in the Great Guitar Build-Off, a competition that draws hundreds of guitar makers from multiple countries. A former touring musician, Mangle turned to creating custom guitars in 2016 after being diagnosed with congestive heart failure and looking for an outlet to keep him busy.

Mangle's Jacobite bass has a mahogany body and neck, a walnut fretboard, a flame maple cap top on the wings and headstock, Gotoh hardware, custom wound humbuckers and active preamp. It even has Luminlay side dots that glow in the dark so the players know where to place their fingers even on a dimly lit stage.

Mangle is raffling off the guitar with the proceeds benefiting a Trumbull

County charity called This Means War Against Breast Cancer, which helps breast cancer survivors with their lost wages and out-of-pocket medical expenses.

Since 2011, This Means War Against Breast Cancer has donated \$139,500 to breast cancer survivors from throughout Trumbull County to help them fight against a disease that affects one in eight women each year and whose average treatment can cost families anywhere between \$20,000 and \$100,000, research shows.

"I take great pleasure in helping groups raise money for their organizations," Mangle said. "I only take on the builds if the proceeds go to help people directly. If it will help me help others, I'm all in."

Only 200 raffle tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased until Dec. 24 at: <https://tinyurl.com/MangledGuitarforCharity>.

News From Bristol Public Library

The Bristol Public Library's youth department is hosting a Snowman Soup Make and Take Craft event. On Monday, December 19th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Youth in grades kindergarten through twelfth grades can stop in and make their own personal sized jar for themselves or as a gift. On a cold, blustery day a mug of homemade snowman soup (hot chocolate) complete

with marshmallows and a candy cane spoon will make you toasty and warm. The Bristol Public Library will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th for the Christmas holiday and closed on Friday, December 30th and Monday, January 2, 2023 for New Year's.

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Veterans Day Observance

The Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee of the Masonic Lodge, together with the Trumbull County Honor Guard of the American Legion Post #540 conducted the Veterans Day observance at the Cortland Veterans Memorial held on November 6th. The weather was unusually warm and sunny, and about 70 veterans and area residents attended.

Ian McAleer opened the program, Lynda Couch sang the National Anthem, and Pastor Casey Chapman gave the invocation. The featured speaker was Cathy Carr, a Gold Star Mother from Fowler Twp., and all veterans who were present, were honored. Following the rifle salute by the Honor Guard, taps was bugled by Garey Watson.

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